

SUPPORT

ITEM NO. 6.1b: COUNTY SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 06051
(p.127 - Public Hearing -10/11/06)



Eric Kinghorn
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10/06/2006 01:05 PM

To plan@lincoln.ne.gov, council@lincoln.ne.gov,
mayor@lincoln.ne.gov, commish@lincoln.ne.gov

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Subject Special Permit #SP06051 - Please forward this to the
Planning Commissioners.

Lancaster County Planning Commission,

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I have traveled to Scribner, Kearney, Kansas City, Wichita, Topeka, Denver, Marion SD and many other locations to watch racing, but I would rather spend my money here doing something many others and myself enjoy. Why not bring revenue into the county instead of forcing these racers to go elsewhere? I believe that by allowing this track and other businesses to make there home in Lancaster county we will see an increase in the revenue stream. In turn this would allow the local government to stop placing the burden directly on the taxpayers.

I am asking you to please take the time to learn all the *facts *about a facility of this type, not just the *fears, *as I know these have been more prominent in this procedure so far. Some of the recent changes made by our governing body to county ordinances recently in response to the motorsports permit, really concern me. (Rural/county noise ordinance and location criteria in relation to cemeteries or residences that were previously not in place).

I know the city/county is looking for ways to bring revenue into the area, I have read the recent planning agendas. Mr. Sanford is asking for nothing from the city/county to do this other than support, it is his investment entirely. A facility like this would bring money to cities hotels, restaurants, gas stations, auto parts stores and shopping facilities just to name a few during events.

As a registered voter, I know I can count on you to represent my position (in favor of) on this issue. I will be at the public hearing regarding *this permit on October 11th , 2006 at 1:00pm to support this proposal.

Sincerely

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Eric Kinghorn

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Staci Kinghorn
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I grew up near the Marion, South Dakota track; I enjoyed gambling, and licensing my car for \$30. When I moved here to Lincoln to be with my husband I was in for a shock. In terms of entertainment there is not much to do unless you like football. The taxes are outrageous and all because this state does not allow gambling or any new businesses to come in. I miss my 'racer friendly' state - Please Approve This Proposal!

You are looking at ways to improve economic development. We as racers, fans and taxpayers want to let you know that you can do something positive here by approving this motorsports facility. Even those who don't live in Lancaster County will benefit from this. All tax paying Nebraskans will benefit by bringing in the much needed tourism revenue that is spilling to neighboring states.

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I know the city/county is looking for ways to bring revenue into the area, I have read the recent planning agendas. Mr. Sanford is not asking for anything from the city/county to do this, other than their support. This is his investment entirely. A facility like this would bring money to cities hotels, restaurants, gas stations, auto parts stores and shopping facilities just to name a few.

Again, I support this racetrack facility. As a registered voter, I know I can count on you to represent my position on this issue. I will be at the public hearing regarding this permit on October 11th, 2006 at 1:00pm to support this proposal.

Sincerely

Staci Kinghorn

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OPPOSITION

ITEM NO. 6.1a: COUNTY CHANGE OF ZONE NO. 06065

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JEFF ATKINSON
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10/06/2006 02:03 PM

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bcc

Subject Support for NHRA race track Please forward to all planning
commission members

Dear Planning Department Members, Planning Commissioners and County Commissioners,

It is of great concern to hear the planning department is already recommending denial for a NHRA motor sports facility. Upon application for a drag strip, there wasn't any language or regulations for this type of application so language was quickly drafted by our county board for this type of application that clearly would deny any person or group from building such a motor sports facility in Lancaster county.

From the language drafted it clearly shows there is absolutely no way any type of motorsports facility could be built in Lancaster County. Is someone strong arming our planning department to come up with rules to kill this application and chase this applicant away? Why was a planning department member making it a point to pass this race track language out to all the opposition who was at the Board of Commissioners staff meeting that day? One has to wonder, was it our planning department writing this draft or someone who is working with the opposition to discourage this applicant?

One has to ask, is someone from our county commissioners providing the assistance to kill this application? Is this coming from a commissioner who has told people "we are wasting our time trying to build a motorsports facility in Lancaster county" in that location.

Why and who in the planning department is working with this commissioner to create regulations and rules that are clearly creating obstacles to prevent our community from having this facility? Maybe this person or persons should come forward and let our community know why they are denying this facility.

Is anyone in the planning department looking at the economic impact that this facility could provide and trying to provide every effort of support to the applicant in working with them to build this facility? Why are they not helping the applicant? Is it the planning departments wish to chase all private and public investors away? Is this why Lincoln is not growing?

It is my sincere hope fellow planning members, planning and board of commissioners that you are all aware of the efforts of our planning department to deny this applicant the chance to help our community. Shame on you if you are not looking outside of the box on what a NHRA facility has done for other cities and the economic and entertainment impact it has provided.

If this facility is built it could possibly affect 30-50 people in the area, if this facility is not built, it will deny 290,000 people in Lancaster County the benefit of sale tax revenue, economic

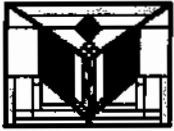
revenue, tourism revenue and entertainment for our community.

Planning department members, planning commission members and County Board of Commissioners are you prepared tell our community and the State of Nebraska that we do not need this facility?

We as a community hope you will recognize what this facility could do and are looking forward to finding out soon how you will support it.

Jeff Atkinson
1800 Branched Oak Rd
Davey NE 68836

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To Jean L Walker/Notes@Notes
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Subject Fw: Race track

----- Forwarded by Michael V Dekalb/Notes on 10/06/2006 02:39 PM -----



"Shawn Stougard"
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10/06/2006 12:37 PM

To <mdekab@lincoln.ne.gov>
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Subject Race track

It is no wonder why Lincoln is considered a larger version of Mayberry. My family visited a drag strip in Kansas with our mentor group of kids over the weekend. It was a very fun weekend for the kids. The kids ages ranged from 5 to 12 and the sound of racecars was hardly an issue. I can't believe just how uneducated people are about this proposed racing facility. Maybe they should try visiting one before making their mind up. There is one located just outside Omaha that is an easy trip.

I read the last permit no. 06051 and was shocked how ignorant it was in just basic logic. No wonder it is hard for people outside Lincoln and the state of Nebraska to view us as anything more than dumb hicks. The permit said there was a lack of information, on what? The type of track is flat and used to race cars side by side in a straight line. God only knows why anyone would care what the average speed of the cars is, much less in average than what goes down the Hwy 77 or I-80 and with much less frequency.

I am sure that millions of \$\$ in revenue per event means nothing to a gov employee who will keep their job, no matter what. But for the rest of us it mean a lot. There is nothing wrong with having engineers, race teams, major national sponsors, national auto-manufacturers test and race here in or around Lincoln. Denial because of a lack of information, it is not rocket science to figure out what a race track is used for or what it will look like. It is not hard to imagine what a racing facility and multi million dollar racing teams could do for this area or at least for its backward image.

It is okay to have a city dump in the area, but god forbid a race track? Are you kidding me?? I will pay yours and anyone else's way to go to a drag strip to watch for even a few minutes. Then after you are done tell me just how bad, loud or even dangerous a drag strip is to a community. The kids we took to the track left with dreams and goals. Dreams of being designers or engineers to being racecar drivers. Not to bad since some of them thought that math was useless or that science was boring. When they finally saw an application of the sciences that leaped beyond a textbook it gave them something they needed. Sure most of them if not all will never be able to reach those dreams, but it was an experience that they will never forget.

I have no idea why I bothered writing this note to you, as it seems that the idea of something new in Lincoln is killed faster than religious freedom in Iraq. I wish no one ill will, but I just don't understand why this could be a bad thing to anyone.

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"Jacques Buller"
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10/07/2006 09:11 AM

To plan@lincoln.ne.gov, council@lincoln.ne.gov,
mayor@lincoln.ne.gov, commish@lincoln.ne.gov
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Subject Race track

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the track that Greg Sanford wants to build. I noticed that your recommendation was for denial. Why? I don't understand why every time this comes up, the legs are pulled out from the man who is trying to invest PRIVATE dollars into bettering our city. Who does that? Lincoln is stumped economically. This would bring in hotels, more housing, gas stations and many other business. Revenue beyond belief. Why can't we give this a fair shot? Yes, there are those in opposition, but do you realize how many more actually support the track?

I am a registered voter, and I count on you to make decisions that better my city. I will be at the hearing on the 11th. Please do the right thing and give us a chance. Learn about the benefits so you can let go of the fear.

Sincerely,

Jacque Buller

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"frink"
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10/07/2006 10:05 AM

To <plan@lincoln.ne.gov>
cc
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Subject proposed drag strip in northern lancaster county

Attention: Lincoln-Lancaster county planning department

special permit #SP06051

To whom it may concern: We support the construction of a racetrack at this location. Ourself and friends and family would support and enjoy attending events here. Especially drag races, other events we would enjoy would be car show and such.

***CAMARO INC.
Po. Box 80055
Lincoln Nebr. 68501***

**To: Lancaster County Planning Commission
From: Camaro Inc. Car Club- Lincoln Nebraska
Subject: Special permit SPO6051- Proposed drag strip in Northeast Lancaster County**

We are a local automotive club in existence since 1991. We represent a group of car enthusiasts that enjoy all aspects of automotive related activities. We have a base of 32 members plus local Business memberships that support our club in its existence. Members enjoy related functions from show's, to promotions, to car racing.

We support the building of a drag strip in Northeast Lancaster County as an outlet to have a controlled environment and a location for car enthusiasts to gather in a single location that promotes the automotive enjoyment of the sport.

Our club, as with many clubs, have members who enjoy the sport of the ¼ mile racing. But, our members have to travel to locations many miles from the Lincoln area to enjoy the sport.

I grew up in Lincoln and I find that for the younger generation, there is no outlet offered to vent their thrill of speed other than the streets and highways around Lincoln. This is a dangerous proposition in any city without facilities that offer a program the young enthusiasts can use. The Nemotorplex can help in alleviating some or most of these problems that law enforcement handles on a daily basis. It would also be able to offer NHRA sanctioned events for the younger and older generations to enjoy.

A complex like proposed can only benefit the city of Lincoln and Lancaster County in many economic situations. It will bring in revenue to businesses (hotels, restaurants, and automotive suppliers), which impact studies on Topeka Ks. for example show to be in the millions. It can increase property evaluations, bring in more local sales tax revenue (in which we are short on for other city projects), and finally taking land and bringing a beautiful, state of the art facility for all people to enjoy.

I thank you for your consideration in approving this plan to formulate and have the Nemotorplex become a part of a great development and resource for the Lincoln people to enjoy and use.

Sincerely
Members of the Camaro Inc. Car club

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"Jamie"
<jnova67@neb.rr.com>
10/07/2006 05:19 PM

To <plan@lincoln.ne.gov>
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Subject NHRA Track

I think that Lincoln needs a track for people to race. This would be a place that kids could go to race and keep the racing off the streets.

I think it would be a great way to bring in alot of money to Lancaster, and the businesses surrounding the track. Also expose alot of people to the excitement of drag racing.

I understand that there will be an issue with noise but it is only on the weekends (alternating Friday night and Saturday day). It is never during the week. If the noise is that bad the owner of the track could mandate mufflers all the time or after a certain hour, and I would think that there would not be a racer not willing to do that to get this track.

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cc

bcc

Subject Support for the racing facility in the Lincoln area :Please
forward to the planning commission

Some things for the opposition to consider. I am a resident of Lincoln, Lancaster County I plate 5 vehicles. I pay wheel tax on 5 vehicles. I am taxed for anyone using those streets for travel. Consider if all the residents were to say that they did not want any rural residents to use our streets? Do you use our facilities for sporting events? Have you attended the State Fair? Do you have any affiliation with any students getting an education at UNL? Do you attend football games, use our shopping centers, hospitals, parks, movie theaters, lied center programs, the list goes on and on. Now suppose we told you that you hamper our life styles. We dont want you disturbing our cemetery residents with noise, pollution, increased traffic, animal boarding facilities. No way would any thing ever prosper or allow an enjoyable event to be available for people wanting to attend. If that is what you want maybe you could get rid of your motor transportation get back on the horse or use your horse drawn buggy's and leave a little bit earlier for work if in deed you do work in the city. Oh and please keep the horses on the shoulder of the road we wouldnt want to use our resources to clean up the mess that they may leave behind. Just something to think about when you throw away the welcome mat. You might want to consider proudly displaying it instead?
Bill Svehla

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10/08/2006 03:25 PM

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Subject RE: County Special Permit No. 06051, Hwy 77 & Branched
Oak Road, Public Hearing Notice

Hello, I am writing in SUPPORT! of County Special Permit No. 06051 . It has come to my attention that several people in opposition within a 1 mile radius of this location. Do not Realize what a drag strip is. Several have never even attended a drag race. I have personally spoke with land owners. It very inconcievable to that people can oppose something they have never seen or lived close to before. I personally have attended many drag race events. The gates are open from 12:00pm- 11:00pm The cars accually are only heard or make noise alltogether 2 hrs. The very loud top fuel Noise makers that may come to a drag strip once a year. Lets just say this track is aproved and built. 2-4 Years from now it may open. So lets say 2 yrs after its up and running with local events The track is reconized and NHRA wants to hold a national event here. These are the cars that make Noise. So if there are 20 teams 1 car per team each car runs 5 times 6 seconds of hoise with burnout.

-20 cars

-5 runs per car

-6 seconds of full throttle noise

=10 minute of noise per day

That if fact when it comes to a noise problem. Train horns are louder that these events.

Please approve this permit thankyou.

>From: JWalker@ci.lincoln.ne.us

>To: <midwestminichoppers@hotmail.com>

>Subject: County Special Permit No. 06051, Hwy 77 & Branched Oak Road,

>Public Hearing Notice

>Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2006 13:48:51 -0500

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>Dear Interested Party:

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>You have previously submitted comments on County Special Permit No. 06051
>for a drag strip/racetrack on property generally located at Highway 77 and
>Branched Oak Road. For your information, I am attaching a copy of the
>public hearing notice which has been mailed today for property owners
>within one mile of the boundaries of the proposed special permit.

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>The comments you have submitted are part of the record which will be
>reviewed by the Planning Commission.

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>If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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>Thank you.

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>--Jean Walker, Administrative Officer

>City-County Planning Department

>441-6365

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"shannon mcgovern"
<midwestminichoppers@hotmail.com>

10/08/2006 02:27 PM

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commish@lancaster.ne.gov, commish@lincoln.ne.gov,
council@lincoln.ne.gov, mayor@lincoln.ne.gov,

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Subject Drag strip Support

Hello, I am writing in support of dragstrip at propossed location on hwy 77. Denial of permit to build is denying ecomomic development and mass revenue for lancaster county. You cannot argue with fact. Every single community that has this type of motor sport facility is proof enough. There for let facts and figures be the proof. I am a tax paying voter and this needs to be aproved. The state of Nebraska agrees on Location. So why don't we all. Thankyou for your time.

P.S. I feel the need for speed! Safely

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Subject Emailing: jeg Drag info

Please forward to planning commissioners.

Hello, I am writing in support of drag strip on hwy 77 location. Please visit this link. This page will show you an example of the fundraising opportunities that a drag strip can provide. Race for a cause children, cancer research. Our community needs this. Thankyou for your time.

The message is ready to be sent with the following file or link attachments:

Shortcut to: <http://www.dragraceusa.com/latestnews/2005/jeg.htm>

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Dawn Krogman
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Subject I want to be counted for the motorplex facility

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I will try to be at the public hearing regarding this permit.

Sincerely

Dawn M. Krogman

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Subject In Support of Motorplex for Lincoln Area

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K. D. Simmons

Please forward this information to the planning committee members

Thank you,

Karen D. Simmons

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Subject Proposed Drag Strip in Northern Lancaster County SP06051

Mike Sheffield
Lincoln, NE 68522

Oct 07, 2006

Lancaster County Planning Dept
& Planning Commissioners
555 South 10th
Lincoln, NE 68508

* Please forward a copy of this letter to the Planning Commissioners.

I am submitting this letter to confirm that my family and I **fully support and recommend** the proposed Drag Strip in Northern Lancaster County SP06051. The special permit would allow the construction of a modern racing facility that would benefit the community.

I have been an auto/truck enthusiast for over 25 years and would regularly race and attend races/events at the drag strip. Additionally, my wife, kids, brother, father, and friends would participate at drag race events as well. The new Drag strip would be a great asset to the community, City of Lincoln, and Lancaster County. It would be a big mistake for the Lancaster County to miss out on an opportunity like this.

In conclusion, please vote to **approve** the proposed Drag Strip in Lancaster County SP06051. I believe it is in the best interest of Lancaster County and would absolutely benefit the community.

** I will be attending the hearing on Oct 11th.

Best regards,
Mike J. Sheffield
Lincoln, NE 68522

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jnorris@southeast.edu

10/09/2006 08:42 AM

To commish@lancaster.ne.gov, plan@lincoln.ne.gov

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Subject Nebraska Motorplex

Greetings,

I am an automotive instructor at a local community college. I would briefly like to explain my position and give my complete support of the potential Nebraska Motorplex facility.

Having a professional facility of this nature at such a convenient location would be a very welcome benefit for students and staff from schools in Lincoln and the surrounding communities.

Young enthusiasts will now be able to participate in the safe and controlled sport of racing during sponsored school night events (instead of late nights on North 56th street).

Many students may benefit from part-time employment opportunities during their time in school. The students would receive valuable experience related to their interest/careers rather than work in fast food or something similar.

A partnership may form between the Motorplex and local colleges/secondary schools. Possibilities of track testing vehicles, track tuning vehicles, dynamometer diagnostics etc. exists.

Future students (hundreds and hundreds) will learn and benefit from these experiences. Future employers (many of which are in the Lincoln/Lancaster county area) will be the end benefactor of a better educated employee.

I've had discussion with owner/operator Greg Sanford about much of what I've written about. He supports our training programs and will be a good partner with us. The pros far out weigh the cons. Please allow the motorplex to be built.

Thank you,

Jerry Norris
Lincoln, Ne.



"Joel Ludwig"
<jl1963@att.net>
10/07/2006 10:03 PM

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Subject: Review of opposition comments

Point: Ag Land.

One opponent suggests that prime ag land shouldn't be developed for this track. If you have fairly flat land in eastern Nebraska, it is of course PRIME AG land. Get real. Are you going to build a wall around the city of Lincoln so that no development can take prime ag land? This is another preposterous argument. VIRTUALLY ALL DEVELOPMENT IN NEBRASKA IS ON PRIME AG LAND. This point loses for the opposition.

Point: Living next to a race track

The oval track at Eagle has been there since the 1960's. There are dozens and dozens of homes and acreages that have been built out there. I've spoken with a realtor that has handled a large portion of those, and the fact that the oval track was close never affected the sale. When this drag strip goes in, I'll be hoping to purchase property nearby within a couple years. There are several neighbors near the track that love this idea. The opposition loses on this argument

Point: Property Values

The track won't affect property values, other than to help increase the value. Is the property near Eagle Raceway worth less than it was 10 years ago? No. Is the land near the Lincoln Landfill worth less than it was 10 or 15 years ago? No. This is another point that the opposition can't really back with facts.

Point: Neighboring Business

One person pointed to other established business near the track in Topeka. These were there BEFORE the race track was built. It isn't an issue here. It has no bearing on the quality of people that participate in and attend drag races.

Point: DWI

We are going there to race, not to drink at the bar. We have thousands of dollars invested in our cars, our trailers and our tow rigs. We have our families and friends with us. We aren't going there to risk them. We aren't going there to drink. We are going to RACE. I'm insulted.

Point: Issues related to the lack of paved road in Dodge County

The county board in Dodge County had dealt insincerely with the track operators since 1980. I started racing there that year. We sometimes had to tow our rigs through the muddy roads to get to the track. The county wouldn't put gravel down on the road. They kept promising to pave the road for 25 years. I don't blame Mr. Sanford for giving up on Dodge County after their track record.

Point: Insults to Mr. Sanford

Several of the accusations against Mr. Sanford are completely false, and I consider many of them lies. The track operation improved during his ownership. He dealt fairly with people, and looked out for the racers, including kicking out a fuel distributor that was price gouging the racers. The main reason to move the track is to get closer to a metro area. I know professional racers that have said they liked the Scribner track, but they didn't want to haul expensive race cars over gravel roads to race in a cornfield. This new

facility will be something that the people of Nebraska can be proud of; I know this racer will enjoy it.

Point: Water runoff

The nitrates, pesticides and herbicides that run off ag land in the state have their impact. The fact that this land will be used for non-ag use will actually reduce the water runoff impact. The pollution boogeyman can be put to bed, and the phantom beetle will be OK. This point loses for the opposition as well

Point: Complaints that the opposition names are public.

All of us that have commented have our names in the public. Get over it. Stand up for your views and quit crying about it.

Point: Message Board on the Internet

The message board that was referred to is open to anyone. The actions from Mr. Sanford have been to keep it fair, and the administrator has removed messages that were abusive or not fair to the opposition. That shows intentions are honest. I know he has talked to neighbors. Some of those complaining live so far away that they can hardly be called neighbors.

When you look at the benefits that facilities such as this have brought to so many other communities you must agree that this is an opportunity we can't pass up.

Joel Ludwig
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Subject Don't be a Lucy

Well, it's football season. We all know the classic story of Lucy and Charlie Brown. "Hey, Charlie Brown come kick the ball, I'll hold it for you."

"Yeah, right", Charlie thinks. She won't hold it. She has pulled the ball away all those other times. Why would Charlie ever trust her?

Is this how all business, investors and developers view Lincoln?

Here is another Charlie Brown story.

A motor sport task force is setup to identify potential locations for race tracks in Lancaster County. The task force was setup to stall another area resident, Linus, from building a motocross track. The tactic appears to have worked. The task force did identify locations for potential race tracks in the area, so everything appears normal.

Charlie, a Lincoln resident who happens to own a drag strip in another Nebraska community expresses interest in moving the facility closer to a metro area, to benefit his home town, and to improve his business.

Charlie talks to public officials on the possibility of locating a track near Lincoln. Mr. Lucy, a county board member visits the other drag strip and expresses positive impression and support for a track in the Lincoln area.

Charlie is shown the map of potential race track sites in the county. One of the sites is actually highlighted by being circled on the map. He notices on the map a cemetery nearby, and asks if that would be a problem. Charlie is told by government officials that it wouldn't be a problem. Charlie is basically told everything would be OK to proceed.

The land in question comes up for auction, so Charlie buys it. He knows that the landfill and local highway construction needs fill dirt, and the site has ample soil to fill the needs. Charlie can sell dirt from his site to the help other local projects, and earn an income from his investment. Charlie is still looking around to possibly develop another site for a track, but this site offers a good return. Sounds like a good business decision.

Mr. Lucy, the county board member that had otherwise expressed support, now suddenly is firmly against it. Why? Logic doesn't fit. What is it about this location? What does Mr. Lucy want instead?

Charlie applies for a soil mining permit to sell dirt for use at the Lincoln landfill or for highway construction. He plans ahead for potential future uses and the excavator agrees to leave the land in a form that will minimize future development costs. It would be leveled for a street, or a race track or a building site for future development. Sounds like good planning for the future. The once supportive Mr. Lucy suddenly gears up the machine to kill the permit. A new task force is set up to study soil mining permits. After all, task forces have been used to stall an issue before, maybe it will work here.

An opposition group starts making a simple business transaction into an issue about a race track. Opposition members express in writing that they claim to have promises from Mr. Lucy and another county board member that the track won't get approval.

Charlie sees that they have picked the fight. It wasn't about a race track yet, but it will be now. Charlie didn't want to deal with it for a couple of years. He might have decided to go somewhere else. This has made up his mind. Charlie applies for a permit to build the track. "It is now or never", Charlie says. The Lucys in the county have actually shot themselves in the foot. The opposition and the county board member start insulting and slandering the Charlie to make him look bad.

The Lucys start spreading lies about the kind of individuals that participate in drag racing. They start creating and exaggerating problems associated with the activities surrounding a drag race. They know they can't defend their point with facts, so they try to scare people with emotional topics. "Pollution" this, and "drunken rednecks" that. "Save the phantom beetle!" "What about the horseys?", they cry.

The government now decides to write an ordinance. When you really read the new ordinance, it is designed to discourage anyone from pursuing construction of a race track. Why didn't they express this when Charlie started out? Shouldn't they have written the ordinance back when the task force was set up? Why now? Sounds like Charlie plans ahead better than the government.

And what really happened? Charlie works with the results of a government task force, discusses the purchase with government officials, and is led to believe everything looks good to proceed, buys property that they identified as ideal for a race track, and eventually pursues the construction of a facility that will benefit the community. Only to find Lucy setting up roadblocks along the way. The rules change. Planning department personnel act to discourage the activity. Government officials act in insulting ways towards Charlie. Lucy makes up stories about Charlie's other business, and accuse him of dishonesty. Pigpen, who runs the planning department accuses Charlie of contempt. Charlie has been playing by the rules, and won't give up, so they are turning up the heat. There is always a Lucy working to change the rules instead of finding a resolution and solving a problem.

I've heard of other Charlie Browns running into problems when trying to build something in Lancaster County. Frustration with the bureaucracy that seems setup to make Charlie fail instead of make the community succeed. Why would anyone pursue new business in Lincoln? It would take someone that really wants to put up with a system set up to stop you rather than help you. Who has the faith and the strength to pursue their dreams in this town?

And yet, there are still those Charlie Browns in the world that have their dreams and ambitions. They take the chance and trust Lucy. "She will hold it this time. Lucy won't pull the ball away"

I am asking the Planning Commission members to recognize the problems in the planning department. See the dysfunction that currently exists in our local process. Economic development is a big issue with the Lincoln community. You have the power to take all the information and make a choice to become another spark for development in Lincoln. Work with an applicant to resolve any issues rather than block them.

It is amazing to see how one or two successful developments can spark additional growth in a community. A new factory, housing division, new stores, and a new race track. Other people will see an exciting community and chose to invest in it.

Lincoln is at a cross roads. Are we going to grab these opportunities? Let's make Lincoln an exciting place of growth and opportunity.

Vote for support to build the drag strip.

DON'T BE A LUCY!!!!

Joel Ludwig
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October 9, 2006

GS Motorsports, Inc.
Nebraska Motorplex
1440 Linwood Lane
Lincoln, NE 68505

Mr. Sanford,

The purpose of this letter is to show support of your proposed dragstrip facility near Lincoln. As a professor in the mechanical engineering department at UNL I can foresee the usefulness of your proposed facility in such close proximity to Lincoln. Specifically, the use of the dragstrip for my Vehicle Dynamics class would be very beneficial for the students. Such a facility would allow students to test their vehicles for acceleration and braking performance in a safe and controlled environment. Additionally, if possible, tours of the facilities along with demonstration of actual vehicles designed for drag strips would be very educational. I appreciate your generosity in allowing us to use your proposed facility at no cost and I wish you well in your endeavor to get approval for its construction.

Sincerely,

John D. Reid, Ph.D.
Professor

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"Carl Mau"
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10/10/2006 07:14 AM

To <plan@lincoln.ne.gov>
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bcc
Subject The drag strip

My name is Carl Mau and I would like to add my support for the proposed drag strip. As the Vice President of the Woods Park Neighborhood Association, I feel that the people of Lincoln and Lancaster County need to find and promote new business. Maybe this could be the place for the proposed moto-cross track also?

If you have any questions, please contact me at this e-mail address or call me at my home at 475-6825 or on my cellular phone at 450-6825.

Thank you for your time.

Carl Mau
1035 South 32nd Street
Lincoln, NE 68510

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Subject Proposed Drag Racing Strip in Northern Lancaster County
SP06051

Mark Sheffield
4206 Ridgeview Dr.
Lincoln, NE 68506

October 9, 2006

Lancaster County Planning Department
& Planning Commissioners
555 South 10th
Lincoln, NE 68508

Please forward this message to all Planning Commissioners.

I would like to request your support for the proposed Drag Racing Strip in Northern Lancaster County SP06051.

This new facility would offer enthusiasts a safe environment to participate in a very popular and growing sport. It would also bring great financial opportunities to the City, County and State by hosting Local and National racing events that would bring hundreds of racers and thousands of fans to our city. It would be a big mistake for Lancaster County to miss out on an opportunity like this.

I have been an auto/truck enthusiast for more than 20 years and would regularly race and attend races/events at this facility. Additionally, my Father, Brother and a lot of my friends would also participate in drag racing events held at this facility.

Your support on this great opportunity for the State, County, City and its residents is appreciated.

I will be attending the hearing on October 11, 2006.

Sincerely,

Mark Sheffield

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Subject Proposed Drag Strip in Lancaster County

James Sheffield
4206 Ridgeview Drive
Lincoln, NE 68506

October 9, 2006

Lancaster County Planning Department
& Planning Commissioners
555 South 10th
Lincoln, NE 68508

Please forward this message to all Planning Commissioners

I would like to respectfully request your support of the proposed Drag Strip in Northern Lancaster County SP06051. This new facility would bring considerable income into the State, County and the city of Lincoln. Race fans and racers would benefit greatly from a new state of the art facility in this fast growing sport. A new facility would take racers off the streets and roads and offer them a safe environment in which to race.

I have been interested and actively involved in the automobile and drag racing for over 45 years and my sons are enthusiasts as well. My family and I would definitely attend events at the track and we would also be involved in amateur racing with our own vehicles. In my opinion it would be a huge mistake to miss a opportunity like this one.

Your support would be very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

James Sheffield

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"steve" <sckc@cox.net>

10/09/2006 08:33 PM

To <plan@lincoln.ne.gov>

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Subject nebraska motorplex

we would appreciate your department to consider approving the application for a dragstrip in northern lancaster county. (special permit number: sp06051). my family and myself have enjoyed various events over the years that include all types of motorized vechiles. we have an automobile that we race at the glenwood, iowa strip on the weekends, and have two 4 wheelers that we take on camping trips to colorado, iowa, missouri, and oklahoma. we also have an antique automobile that we haul to auto shows around the area. this is money that we spend, out of the state, that we feel should be kept within the state of nebraska. if a facility of this kind was given approval, we feel by having it built between omaha and lincoln, it would open up the opportunities for many other events. we strongly believe it would bring in, out of state revenue, visitors to our state, and economic development in areas that the state has never imagined! please consider our concerns, and vote to support the proposal being brought before your board.

thank-you,
steve cottle and family
9818 evans street
omaha, ne 68134

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"Ed and Lynn Bowes"
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10/09/2006 07:37 PM

To <plan@lincoln.ne.gov>

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bcc

Subject: Lincoln Needs a Dragstrip

Dear Lancaster County Board of Commissioners:

I would like you to please give positive consideration to the efforts of the Nebraska Motorplex to construct a dragstrip north of Lincoln on Highway 77. As I see it, the benefits of this plan far outweigh the negative concerns.

Lincoln has a big problem with street racing, as can be confirmed by the law enforcement agencies in the area. The dragstrip would give the illegal street racers a safe and legal place to race. Strict rules are enforced at professionally run dragstrips, greatly reducing the danger but, more important is that these "former" street racers would not endanger the general public.

There are many other community benefits to be realized as well as innumerable opportunities for family-oriented activities with a developed motorplex, not entirely related to drag racing. The tourism industry, the hotel and motel industries and the local restaurants would all be benefactors of a first class racing facility in the area. The Motorplex would not be used exclusively for drag racing but for other car-related activities such as car shows, tractor pulls and concerts.

The small town of Knoxville, Iowa, has realized huge profits from the racetrack they have on the Marion County Fairgrounds where they host the World of Outlaws Sprint Car Racing, home of the Sprint Car Racing Hall of Fame. The City of Topeka, Kansas, also claims a multi-million dollar income from their dragstrip. Financially, it will be a win-win situation for the City of Lincoln and the surrounding area.

The general belief seems to be that racers are dangerous and outlaw types; however, a quick study of the racers at Eagle Raceway on any race night (where the stands are packed every Saturday night through the summer months and big dollars are spent) will prove that racers include, in fact, lawyers, professional pilots, doctors, engineers, business owners and other respected members of the Lincoln community.

Greg Sanford has purchased the land himself without the aid of any government funds and is willing to proceed with construction on his own. The location is ideal with a major highway (Highway 77) intersecting a major interstate (I-80). It is close to Lincoln, who would benefit most, close to Omaha, where there is no dragstrip.

Please do not let this golden opportunity to better our community slip away. Please support Greg Sanford in his effort to give Lincoln something it really needs.

Thank you -
Ed Bowes
15401 North 14th Street
Raymond, Nebraska 68428
402.785.1060

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October 10, 2006

To Whom it may concern:

My job as West Central Regional Director for Christian Motorsports International takes me to many motorsports facilities each year. In fact I spend every weekend from April to November at a race track working as a chaplain. Part of my responsibilities is to function as the Racers For Christ chaplain for NHRA Division 5.

The past two years I have had the privilege of covering the NHRA Division 5 Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series event in Scribner, Nebraska. Both times I was treated very well by the staff of the facility. They provided me with free access to the event as well as parking space and an area to hold a non-denominational chapel service on Sunday morning. I found their facility to be safe and well maintained. My wife and two girls traveled to the race in 2005 and they share my feelings about the facility and staff.

I would just like to share with you that the race tracks where we have had the privilege of working have been great places for family entertainment as well as racing. We enjoy being around the racers, fans and track staff.

Sincerely,

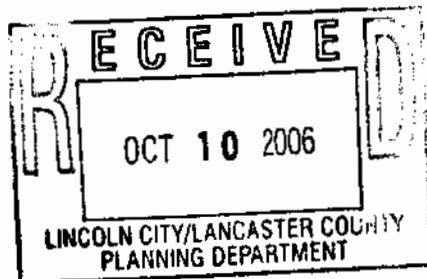
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TRANS71@webtv.net (Dave)

10/10/2006 10:04 PM

To plan@lincoln.ne.gov

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Subject (planning commissioners)

I just wanted to voice my opinion on the drag strip issue currentley in the news/media and hearing date on october 11, 2006. I think it would be a great boost to the local economy and entertainment for southeastern Nebraska and support such issue.

Thank you,
Dave S. Reiss

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"Chris Northup"
<anorthup@microlnk.com>

10/10/2006 08:10 PM

To <plan@lincoln.ne.gov>
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Subject drag strip

Dear Lincoln Planning Commission,

I think that having a NHRA racing drag strip would be a benefit to many local restrants, hotels, and many businesses in the local Lincoln area. Also many people would probably attend there fore providing more money. Many people like my self and many other gear heads would like to have a good race area in the local Lincoln area. This drag strip would provide me and my family and friends the opportunity to race our drag car with out going many miles out of the way. This opportunity would bring many famous racers and gear heads to the area. Thank you for reading this e-mail about the new drag strip debate.

Sincerely,

Taylor Northup

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Bowhonk@aol.com
10/10/2006 07:19 PM

To plan@lincoln.ne.gov
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Subject Drag Strip

I'm in TOTAL favor of a drag strip in northern lancaster county. Look at all the revenue that would be brought into the city of Lincoln. The noise would NOT be constant. I think that the people that are opposing this should take a little trip over to Iowa to their drag strip and just see how things are there. The noise won't be much different than hearing all the semi's and cars going down hwy 77. You mean to tell me that these people that live out there can't hear anything from hwy 77 or other neighbors farm equipment? PLEASE PLEASE APPROVE OF THE DRAG STRIP...

A Draggster Fan
Linda G.

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Mike James
<audiomikej@yahoo.com>
10/11/2006 10:26 AM

To plan@lincoln.ne.gov
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Subject Support of County Special Permit No. 06051

Dear County Commissioners and planning department,

Please work to make this project happen. It is a great economic development to our county. It will benefit everyone involved. Development of the area should boost neighboring property values, not lower them. Did the interstate construction lower neighboring property values? NO. Did the airport construction lower property values? NO. Please don't be anti-growth anti-development on this one. It is a good use of the land. It is a great way to help our local economy. It benefits all our residents and should not put out anyone. Let's be realistic about what Northern Lancaster County would be like with this project. It is not the end of the world for neighboring property owners. They WILL benefit in the long run.

Mike James
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Lincoln, NE 68516

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Subject Drag strip support

There was reference at the planning commission hearing to a race track in Mansfield OH.

A nice lady testified that she heard from someone (real or memorex?) that the drag racing in Mansfield OH was just so bad. The promised when they built that track that the construction of it would limit the sound, but they were wrong.

The only problem is that there isn't a drag strip there yet.

<http://www.mansfield-speedway.com/content/view/137/41/>

They will have the IHRA World Nationals there NEXT YEAR. They are building the track.

There is a paved oval stock car track there. Now maybe they mixed up an oval track and a drag strip. They all seem to.

Oh, and Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course is in the area.

And Norwalk is only about 40 miles away with another drag strip. They just switched from IHRA to NHRA for their sanctioning body.

That is a serious motor sports area.

I just wish the opposition could get some fact right.

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Subject SP06051 Proposed Drag strip in Northern Lancaster
County

This is to let you know that I support the proposed drag strip. Drag racing is a family sport with not only men driving but women are driving also plus there is a JR dragster class for the kids that teaches good mechanical skills, sportsmanship, interaction with other people plus the family is together. Nebraska is in the N.H.R.A. division 5 area which includes part of Canada, Colorado, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, South Dakota and Wyoming. That means racers & spectators will be coming to the Lincoln area for the races \$\$\$, food, lodging, gas, parts, site seeing etc. I personally have raced in Nebraska, Michigan, Indiana and along with some people from Minnesota, California, Missouri, New York state put on a special event at the Denver Colorado track that brought racers & spectators from New York state to California, Washington, Oregon, and several states in between. This event was limited to just 4 types of cars, Willys, Anglia's, Austin and Henry J. One couple that I know of changed the dates of their vacation to come to the event. Big deal you say? the couple came to the U.S.A. from New Zealand. People do travel for events which means money for Lincoln if the track is built. Look at the swap meet in march held at the fair grounds, people come from several states for it \$\$\$\$. Lincoln has one of the premier auto parts suppliers in the country (Speedway Motors). Other events can be held at the track that would bring in \$\$\$ to Lincoln. Roger Lyle Gretna Nebraska.



JEFF ATKINSON
<jladavey@yahoo.com>
10/12/2006 12:29 AM

To plan@lincoln.ne.gov
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Subject Thank you from racing enthusiasts pls forward to all planning commissioners only

Planning Commissioners,

Thank you for listening to us on why we want this facility and staying at the late hour to listen why we feel so strongly on why we should bring this facility to Lincoln.

We all have families and home life, and really appreciate the time and patience that you provided us.

Since this meetings topic was mostly on noise, AND we could have had some real world numbers on this sound issue, it was so disappointing that the health department canceled a trip with Mr Sanford and a health department member to go to Topeka to obtain real world sound levels.

Upon the boards suggestion, it was suggested that Mr Sanford with a member of the health dept go to the ET finals in Heartland Park Topeka Ks to obtain real world data to be collected on the most typical cars that would have ran at the Lincoln facility and then the health dept called Greg 3 days later and told him no....someone which I feel is either the planning director or a planning dept member is getting pushed by some commissioner or someone to do everything in their power to kill this application, look again at the draft of the language on motorsports after the application was put in, it purposely was written to kill this application...

How would you feel if you were a private investor and a county board task force was created to help you find a location to build a facility to benefit a community and after you found a property and then assured by that task force the property falls in an approved area then purchase the property only to have the planning dept write a draft to squash it? WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?

One ask to ask, why wasnt this language written back when the motorsports task force was created? No investor in their right mind would have ever considered building a race facility here based on that drafted language. I thought this was supposed to be a "planning" department.

We have a huge opportunity here, the economic facts are there, this is the perfect loaction....IT will greatly impact the development of the new commercial area north of I-80 and Hwy 77...it will make developers take notice.....I know I have said this before, but look what the Kansas speedway did for new growth in Kansas. Motorsports will promote tourism, contact Rob Park from the NHRA, he left you all a rule book and a contact card, I am sure he could provide you information on what NHRA facilities have done for communities with race tracks.

Carefully look at all the facts, do your research..... and the NOISE level...again so disappointed that the meeting was all set up to get this real life sound level info and our planning dept failed. You commissions in front of all of us had no idea what the noise levels were, and when you asked the health department, they did not know either,geesh...OUR PLANNING DEPT FAILED... IT WASNT THE PLANNING COMMISSIONERS FAULT...its our planning department with no plan!!!

I have faith in you planning commissioners, one has to question some of the practices of the planning department though.....

Please support this facility, you will never have an opportunity like this again that could provide so much positive impact to Lincoln.

Jeff Atkinson
1800 Branched Oak Rd
Davey Ne

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Tammy J Grammer/Notes

10/11/2006 01:25 PM

To Jean L Walker/Notes@Notes

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Subject Fw: Drag racing, FW to all planning commissioners

— Forwarded by Tammy J Grammer/Notes on 10/11/2006 01:23 PM —



Lincoln Clutch

<lincolnclutch@att.net>

10/11/2006 01:11 PM

To council@lincoln.ne.gov

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Subject Drag racing, FW to all planning commissioners

If you build it they will come. This statement from the movie Field of Dreams will never be more true than if the Drag Strip becomes reality. This will attract a large number of racers and spectators from this area and surrounding states. It needs to be a first class facility to continuously draw events all summer. Don't miss out on the draw of professional motors sports, at least the grand town of Bruno has mud drags.

For Example:

The city of Chula Vista, CA (near San Deigo) had a off road race event that went two week ends only, Sept. 24th & 25th 2005 and Oct. 1st & 2nd 2005. This event attracted a huge crowd I believe around 80 thousand people (a one time only event). This 4-Day nationally televised event will aired on the Speed Channel. The record \$332,000 in prize money was posted for the second weekend.

This is big business and would speed industrial development from the Interstate out to the track.

If you don't think that motorsports is big business check out the SEMA (Speedway Motors is a member of SEMA) show in Las Vegas, in fact people who are involved in the decision on this track should go to the SEMA show. Bring your walking shoes, this thing is gigantic.

Go to *www.sema.org* and check it out. *If you have someone who makes decisions about this track and would like to go to the SEMA show Oct. 31st to Nov. 3rd, call me.* This show is limited to automotive and race professionals only.

Thank you, Carl Yendra
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Subject Ne Drag Strip

Commissioners!

I believe that Lincoln needs some activity that draws people to our city. Large revenue can be brought in by this strip. Other than SaltDogs, Stars, Huskers we need something that draws additional people to the city. And spend their money.

Nebraskans give a large amount of money to Iowa every year with the Gambling Casinos! Our State Fair continues to decline and more and more activities are being taken by Omaha due to the increases in locations that support these types of activities. As Omaha increases their capabilities what will happen to State Basketball, State Wrestling, etc...

Please support this plan. I believe that if organized properly the whole issues of traffic, noise, etc.. Can be reduced and unrecognizable to the public in most cases.

Sincerely,

City/County Tax Payer/Supporter

Ryan Hodgson